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IS TIGER MOUNTAIN

KUROPATKIN PAYS A VISIT TO YINKOW.

Manchuria is the Great Grain Region That May Furnish Supplies for the Czar's Forces.

"The Yalu river," said The Star military expert today, "is near the dividing line between Korea and Manchuria. It flows through a country which has been largely given over to hunters and lumbermen, in which settlement was forbidden until quite recently because it was in the neutral zone. Great forests cover the mountains and valleys, and furnish much of the timber and firewood in the treeless coun tries of the east. Except at its mouth no great lines of travel cross the Yalu, no large cities lie within its fertile valleys, it covers no strategic points, its affluents run



into almost inaccessible country. It seems, therefore, that the possession of the line of this stream will mean nothing to the Russians or Japanese, except that on one bank lies Korea and on the other Man-

"At the north of the Yalu there is a defensible position of great strength, the possession of which, however, can have no more than a local effect. If the Russians hold it or if the Japanese capture it, there will simply be a few square miles more or less within the sphere of influence of one or the other combatants.

Points for Bridging.

"The river at its mouth is a narrow arm of the sea. The coast of the Korean bay on both sides is shallow, flat and muddy for five to seven miles from shore, so that the effect of a fleet in aid of a land attack would not be great. At the mouth of the river vessels drawing thirteen feet can

barely enter. "Opposite Wiju there is an island about 550 yards wide, the river on each side narrow-ing to about 220 yards. This is the only favorable point to bridge or to force a pas-sage in front. About seventeen miles fur-

ther up the river becomes narrower and af-fords better opportunities for bridging.
"On the left of the position the Ai river flows down from the north and the hill at drugs and medicines and druggists' sundries there are you will not wonder that only very few stores can keep a really full stock. Our busy location and big store enable us to keep a larger and more complete stock of the line is long but rather easy of defense on account of the width and depth of the river, from which we may be sure the Rusriver, from which we may be sure the Russians have removed all boats. In the rear the mountains rise from the plain and give good secondary lines of defense. Three roads lead to the rear, one is the imperial highway to Feng-huang (Phoenix City); the two others lead to Ta-ku-shan (Gr at Or-phan Hill), which is ordinarily used instead of Taton-kou as the river port.

A Formidable Obstacle.

"Here is a position that is a formidable obstacle to any army. It is too long for a small force, but easily defended. It can be turned on the left flank, but there it is particularly strong for the defense, and not favorable to the attackers. The Tiger mountain, 300 feet high, is the key to the position, and is well known to the Japanese, who walked over it without a break ten years ago. A flanking force defeated in that place might have hard work getting away.

"Turning to another field of action, the visit of Kuropatkin to Yinkow and Nieu-Chwang is significant. His anxiety about this part of his system shows its impor-tance, and gives a strong hint as to future

"I have recently seen some interesting figures on the subject of Manchuria as a source of Russian supply. The province is said to export 30,000 tons of cereals annually while cost Chesic Control of Cereals annually while cost Chesic nually, while east Siberia does the same. This would be six months' supply of food for 250,000 men. These provinces are also said to have several million head of catile and immense groves of hogs and sheep. No doubt it will be a part of the Russian policy to encourage the inhabitants by good pay and fair treatment to bring their products in for sale. Russians have ever conciliated the Asiatics in this way. By inducing every small farmer to add to his acreage this spring it is probable that the Russians will be able to extend spring it is probable that the Russians was be able to control a supply of provisions which will make their army independent of the Siberian railroad. Alexieff will find a way to bind the Chinese population to him by the best arguments of self-interest and material prosperity. Much has been accommaterial prosperity. plished in this way already by the employ ment of Chinese, Boxers, brigands and all, by the thousand on the railway."

The Cattle Plague in Egypt.

In a report to the Department of Commerce and Labor United States Consul General Riddle at Cairo, Egypt, says that the cattle plague has destroyed from 50 to 70 per cent of the cattle in the country. He says as it is impossible to plow the ground with cattle, a large amount of ground must remain untilled unless some other means of cultivation is found. Mr. Riddle says that many of the farmers are turning their attention to steam plows and other forms of agricultural implements that can be used with cattle. The consul states there is a market open for anyone who will send out machines to be used for crops of maize, cotton and corn.

Beet Sugar Industry of Ontario.

"The beet sugar industy of Ontario," says United States Consul Gunsaulus at Toronto, Canada, in a report to the Department of Commerce and Labor, "in spite of the government support it has received, is not in a prosperous state, according to best authorities, and unless some substantial improvement in existing conditions is brought about very soon, either through increased bounties or some other form of remedial legislation, the industry is threatened with disaster."

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PAINTS DARK PICTURE

RESIDENT OF SOUTH AFRICA WRITES OF CONDITIONS THERE.

Cost of Living Enormous and Capitalists Combined to Control—Natural Conditions Good.

An account of the conditions prevailing at Johannesburg, S. A., and the Rand country is contained in a letter received here recently from a gentleman who has lately gone to South Africa. The correspondent speaks almost exclusively of the expenses of living and of operating mines in the

country. The writer says: "This is certainly a wonderful country, if what I am told is true. It is not a poor man's country, however. No matter how good your properties, your claims, options or even your registered lands are, unless you have an immense sum to work them with, you are at the beck and call of the syndicates. All the owners of the big mines and all moneyed men, whether by tacit understanding or a bona fide agree-ment, are allied to prevent the placing on the market of properties they do not con-

"The scheme is somewhat like this: When The scheme is somewhat like this; when the discoverer of lands containing gold, copper, coal or the like has secured op-tions or made an actual purchase, he aptions or made an actual purchase, he approaches one of the moneyed men, who requires him to produce his proofs and then induces him to agree to hold the matter open for a while. Then the matter is allowed to rest. The man who made the discovery may go the "rounds," and years are consumed in the endeavor to effect a barguing patients. consumed in the endeavor to ender a gain, until finally the man's patience and his capital are exhausted, his options expire, and he is compelled to sell at whatever figure the moneyed men care to give. Location of the Mines.

"The main reef on which the principal gold mines are located runs along the southern boundary lines of this city and crops out through its streets. For miles beyond the limits of the city this reef continues and is undeveloped. Between Johannesburg and Pretoria is a large tract of land, twenty-five or more miles square, which of granite formation. All about this area f land the gold reef has been traced and

of land the gold reef has been traced and is now being worked.

"It is my opinion that all this talk on the labor question is the work of the monopolies and syndicates, and of their own manufacture. They have driven the Kaffirs and Zulus from them by falling to give them fair wages and proper treatment. There Zulus from them by falling to give them fair wages and proper treatment. There are as many negroes in the country as there ever were. The argument made by the owners and capitalists is that if good wages are paid the negroes will work only for a short time, at the end of which they quit and remain away until the money so earned is spent, and that that is the reason why the mines cannot be worked to

earned is spent, and that that is the reason why the mines cannot be worked to their full capacity. The argument also furnishes a pretext for opening new mines.

"If the arguments of the moneyed interests are allowed to prevail and they are permitted to introduce Chinese labor, a state of slavery or servitude for the natives is likely to result or they must starve. If the capitalists did not make these arguments, they would not be able to retain control of the local government and at the same time hoodwink the British nation, as they are now doing.

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"The people in control have everything in their own hands and will continue to have, unless the oppressed change the situation, probably by force of arms. There is, however, a party of conservative men in the country who realize fully the situation and sympathize with the oppressed; who know that labor can be obtained and by fair treatment retained, and who will some day wrest the control of this great and rich country from monopoly, and, perhaps, from the British government. Everything Sells at High Figures.

"Everything here costs the highest price

fares, freight rates, customs duties, steam rates, rents, everything, in fact, that increases the cost of the necessities of life, is put up to the highest possible notch. The properties getting the greatest benefit from the railways and from the govern-ment, and which are in a position to make immense sums of money are not taxed as they should be to support the government. Think of the rent of a small apartment or house costing from \$50 to \$150 per month; the cheapest kind of board \$50 per month; hotel accommodations \$125 to \$200 per nonth, with no modern conveniences; meats

35 to 75 cents per pound, and eggs some-times as high as \$1.50 a dozen.

"Nearly everything we eat here is brought from Australia, America or England. News-papers published here cost 6 cents each isshe, mtdical services about \$5 per visit Hospitals are inadequate to the demands made upon them. A poor man working for wages can't save a dollar, and is better off most anywhere else than here. There is no work for a skilled mechanic; no factories, no industries; it is just a mining

Colatry Has Great Future.

"There is undoubtedly a great future for this country. There is evidently gold in large quantities, diamonds, copper, silver, coal, iron, lead and every mineral which when developed will make the richest country on the globe. What the country needs most is wood. Forestry on a large scale is essential, and would in twenty years produce wonderful effects. In this climate trees grow very fast, as much as ten feet a

year.
"Water is scarce, very much so at times then, again, it drowns out everything in sight. Forests would to a great extent rem-edy this evil and aid in securing season-able rains, and reclaim lands that are now regarded as deserts. The moisture thus obtained would allay the dust storms which are now the bane of existence and the cause of much sickness and many deaths, and make life bearable in a country which otherwise has a most agreeable climate. In my opinion, if the capitalists and the government can be prevailed upon in their mad rush for gold and wealth to look upon the question in a live-and-let-live way, South Africa can be made one of the rich-est and htalthiest countries on the globe."

PUNCH BOWL FOR THE WINDOW Testimonial of Appreciation by Citi-

zens of East Baltimore. The citizens of East Baltimore, in grateful appreciation of the efforts of the revenue cutter Windom during the big Baltimore fire, have sent to the Secretary of the Treasury a magnificent silver punch bowl, with accompanying platter and ladle. With the silver service is a letter expressing appreciation of the efforts of the officers and men of the Windom in aiding to check the flames and asking that the silver pieces be presented to the Windom.

Secretary Shaw has accepted the service and has transmitted the pieces to the offi-cers of the Windom. The bowl is appro-priately inscribed with the names of the officers of the vessel and a testimonial of

Names for Army Steam Dredges.

Gen. Mackenzie, chief of engineers, has selected names for the five steam dredges being built by the Maryland Steel Com pany at Baltimore, for the United States engineering department. The two dredges intended for use at New York city will be named the Manhattan and Atlantic; the on

for use at Savannah, Ga., will be named the Savannah, the one for the use of Lake Eric, the General Gillespie, and the one for Lake Michigan, the Burton. The Shubrick to Go in Commission. Orders have been issued to place the torpedo boat destroyer Shubrick in commis-sion in reserve at the navy yard, Norfolk, and attach her to the reserve torpedo boat flotilla commanded by Lieut. Marshall.

Troops Reach Fort Washakie. The War Department is informed that Company L, 11th Infantry, has arrived at

ON THE RIVER FRONT

OVERHAULING CHANNEL MARKS IN THIS VICINITY.

Tug Spray Again in Service - Vessels Ashore All Floated-General and Personal.

The lighthouse tender Violet has completed the buoy work in this vicinity for river to overhaul buoys on her way down. All the channel marks between this city and Alexandria have been painted, and where broken off by the ice, have been replaced by new ones. The buoy off Alexandria, a short distance below Shepherd's Landing, which was dragged out of posi-tion by the ice during the winter, has been replaced. As yet the buoys in the Georgetown channel and above the Long bridge have not been touched, but it is understood the buoy tender will return to this city and

complete this work in a few days. The demand for fresh fish of all kinds was fairly brisk this morning at the whole-sale market on the 11th street wharf, but the supply was not large. Shad and herring are being received from the nets in the Potomac in good quantities, but as yet the bulk of the catch is at the lower end of the river. Prices are firm and show but

Oysters are very scarce at the 11th street wharf market, the bulk of the stock on sale being in the cyster houses on the wharf. the vessels lying at the wharf, but fresh cargoes are looked for between now and Monday next. Lieutenant O. J. Wheeler of the revenue cutter Windom has been granted leave of

absence of sixteen days and will spend it at his home in Tennessee.

The tug Spray went into commission yes-terday and has entered upon her charter to tow fish-laden vessels from the Fairy Land-ing (Va.) fisheries to this city. The Spray was badly damaged by fire while lying at Alexandria one night last fall, and during

the witner she was cut through by the ice and sunk at her dock. This spring she was raised and rebuilt and restored to service on the river. The tug George W. Pride, Captain Fair. has been chartered by the operators of High point fishing store, near Gunston, Va., to tow fish scows during the season about to open. As has been stated the tugs William H. Yerkes, jr., and James O. Carter are under charter to tow from the traps in the mouth of the river to this city.

General Port News.

The two-masted schooner Mary Etta, which ran ashore on the flats near Mann's fertilizer factory, a short distance below this city. Thursday evening, was floated at high water yesterday and came up to this city with her cargo of lumber. The schooner Sidonia Curley, has been floated from the

Sidonia Curley, has been floated from the mud banks below Fort Foote, where she remained several days, and has resumed her interrupted trip to the Great Wicomico river, Virginia, with a cargo of salt.

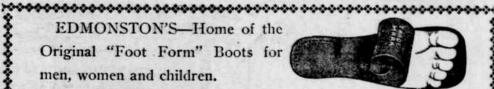
The schooner Lulu M. Quillan is at the big marine railway at Alexandria to have a leak about her stern post caulked. The vessel had been leaking for several weeks and had been twice hauled out to discover the trouble, but without success until she hauled out at Alexandria.

A large fleet of wood-carrying craft took advantage of the favoring breezes of yesterday to sail into port with full cargoed. In the fleet were the schooners Samuel Wood, R. Mason, Farmers' Friend, Rockaway, E. S. Croswell, Ella and Thomas Kirby. The fleet came from the lower Potomac and brought over 300 cords of wood into port.

Mr. J. P. Phillips, wharf clerk of the Randall line, who has been confined to his home by sickness, has recovered and is

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of lumber from a river point aboard, has neither proprietor nor employes. All per The ram schooners Lizzie Williams and Levin J. Marvel have arrived in port from North Carolina laden with pine lumber with a load of railway ties from about Marshall Hall.

The bugeye Bertha May, laden with cedar posts from a down-river point, came into

port yesterday.

The Norwegian barkentine Elise, which has been chartered to load coal at Baltimore for Nuvitas, Cuba, will receive \$2.25

The Mary Etta and the Walter P. Snow, laden with lumber from Virginia lumber ports, have arrived here for the dealers. Ways of Chinese Merchants. In a report to the Department of Com-nerce and Labor from Mainz, Germany, home by sickness, has recovered and is again on duty.

Capt. Walter Posey is in command of the tug Sunbeam, at work about the new railway bridge over the Potomac.

The schooner Ccl. J. Merrick, with a load there are in a Chinese business house

sons employed in a business house are partners who share the profits of the undertaking. He says that the Chinese merchants are very honest, and most promptly fulfill the engagements they may have entered into. Thus, for instance, the ten branches of the Russo-Chinese Bank, lo-cated in China, have since their establish-ment no record of a single protested note.

m the Chicago Record-Herald.

"And so, doctor," said the anxious pa tient, "you think a little whisky would be good for me? How much and how often to take it?" "Well, I should say about on

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